

as a 400-mile trip to mainland Japan turned into a 645-mile journey to the target, putting the pilots in grave danger because the planes did not have enough fuel to reach their destination.

Lt. Col. Cole served valiantly as Lt. Col. James Doolittle's co-pilot, and together, they led the squadron of 16 Army Air Force bombers from the Hornet to Tokyo. The squadron succeeded in bombing their target, but as predicted, his plane ran low on fuel and they were forced to bail out over China. His parachute worked, and he landed in a tree, where he spent the night and climbed down in the morning. He ultimately found some Chinese students who took him to Doolittle. After the raid, Cole went to India, helped establish the dangerous Hump flying route and flew more than 100 missions carrying cargo, earning three Distinguished Flying Crosses. The Doolittle Raiders received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 and donated it to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio.

The raid provided a psychological lift back home and marked a turning point in the Pacific theater of the war. He was humble about his role in this mission and chalked it up to duty. In 2016, when remembering the raid, he said: "We were the only B-25 crew operating for months. We were going on that mission whether we wanted to or not. That straightens out that fairy tale." He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism for this mission.

Cole remained in China to continue flying bombing and transport missions through the end of the war. He is the only American serviceman of the 16 million who served in World War II to have flown in three elite groups: the Doolittle Raiders, the Himalayan Hump Route pilots, and the 1st Air Commandos.

After retiring from a distinguished 26-year long career in the U.S. Air Force, he spent much of his time as an ambassador for the Air Force and Doolittle Raiders. He traveled the country to keep the history and legacy of the Doolittle Raiders alive and honor those who served beside him.

On April 9, Lt. Col. Cole passed away at the age of 103 years old. What an incredible life. He captured the hearts of everyone who met him, and he will forever be remembered as a hero who faithfully executed his duty for our Country.

Godspeed, Lt. Col. Dick Cole.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO TREY CAMPBELL

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Trey for his hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Trey is a native of Casper. He is a student at the University of Wyoming,

where he is studying economics and political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Trey for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JEFFERSON CHA

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jefferson for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jefferson is a native of California. He is a graduate of UCLA, where he studied history. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Jefferson for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO IAN DEVALIERE

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Ian for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Ian is a native of Nevada. He is a student at George Washington University, where he is studying business economics and public policy. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Ian for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DAVID GARDNER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to David for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

David is a native of Massachusetts. He is a student at American University, where he is studying interdisciplinary studies. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank David for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO TYLER JORDON

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Tyler for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Tyler is a native of West Virginia. He is a graduate student at American University, where he is studying political communication. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Tyler for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO BRENDYN LUPE

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Brendyn for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Brendyn is a native of New York. He is a student at American University, where he is studying international relations and French. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Brendyn for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ANNIE MCKINNEY

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Annie for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize